

TRIBUTE TO GEORGE E.  
NORCROSS, SR.

**HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 25, 1995*

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate and honor the accomplishments and contributions of George E. Norcross, Sr. Mr. Norcross is a man who has lived the American dream through hard work and dedication to the community. Having recently retired as president of the AFL-CIO Central Labor Council of South Jersey, I recognize Mr. Norcross as a shining example for us all.

For over half a century Mr. Norcross has served the working men and women of this country. Mr. Norcross began his career with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. His leadership skills and personal rapport with others quickly earned him a position as an organizer with the International Union of Electric, Electrical, Salaried, Machine, and Furniture Workers. His dynamic leadership enabled him to lead successful organizing campaigns not only in New Jersey, but throughout the Nation. One such campaign brought him to Greenville, TN, where he met the future Mrs. Carol Norcross. After successful national campaigns, Mr. Norcross and his wife returned to Camden, NJ, to serve local 106 in Moorstown and raise their family.

After concentrating on organizational activities at the beginning of his career, Mr. Norcross turned his attention to the administration of local labor organizations as well as concentrating on civic participation and service. Since 1955, Mr. Norcross has served as president of the Union Organization for Social Service. His achievements as president of this organization range from food banks and clothing drives to the treatment of alcohol abuse and disaster relief. His commitment to the needs of his community has been unending, and his desire to improve the lives of those who live there inspirational. Under his leadership, the 80,000 members of AFL-CIO Central Labor Union contributed tens of millions of dollars and countless working hours in support of civic programs.

In 1979, Mr. Norcross founded and served as President of the RCA Local No. 106 in Moorestown, NJ, where he established such programs as annual food and clothing drives. In addition, he was an international representative for the International Union of Electrical Workers where he is remembered for creating scholarship programs for the children of union members.

Mr. Norcross is noted for his leadership for the United Way. In 1982, he began as chairman for the United Way campaign. Shortly thereafter, he served as vice president of the United Way of Camden County followed by his office as president of the United Way for Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware. Today, he is chairman of the United Way board. His leadership has inspired many to become involved in the work of United Way and the many services they provide to every community. In addition, Mr. Norcross founded the United Way Labor Support Committee, an entity dedicated to informing union members of the benefits extended to them by United Way.

Mr. Norcross is truly a man dedicated to the continued improvement of his community. His

many accomplishments throughout his career testify to his commitment and tireless service. He will certainly be missed in his retirement, however, his accomplishments will continue to improve peoples' lives for decades. His dedication and service will serve as a continuous example for others. I commend George Norcross, Sr. for all that he has done for his community, and I wish him peace and happiness in the years to follow.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTION  
NAMING THE SOCIAL SECURITY  
ADMINISTRATION'S WESTERN  
PROGRAM SERVICE CENTER IN  
RICHMOND, CA, THE FRANCIS J.  
HAGEL BUILDING

**HON. GEORGE MILLER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 25, 1995*

Mr. MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, in recognition of the pivotal contributions yielded by Francis J. Hagel to the residents of the city of Richmond, I am introducing this resolution designating the Social Security Administration's Western Program Service Center to be named the Francis J. Hagel Building.

A resident of Richmond himself, Francis J. Hagel served his community as an Assistant Regional Commissioner for Processing Center Operations of the Social Security Administration's Western Program Service Center. Mr. Hagel oversaw the processing of benefit payment records for over 4.5 million people throughout the Nation, enhancing the quality of life of the denizens who were eligible for Social Security benefits.

As a citizen of Richmond, he was steadfast in his devotion to his city, providing crucial aid, in the form of community service, to fellow residents. As a result of his selfless and incalculable service to the city of Richmond and its habitants, Francis J. Hagel became an integral part of the foundations of the community, beloved by those who knew him.

This resolution is supported by the mayor and city council of Richmond.

Mr. Speaker, I'm sure you would agree, in light of these numerous invaluable contributions to his city and his neighbors, Francis J. Hagel is most deserving of the honor this resolution proposes to accord him in changing the name of the Social Security Administration's Western Program Service Center to the Francis J. Hagel Building.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. WILLIAM F. GOODLING**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 25, 1995*

Mr. GOODLING. Mr. Speaker, I regret my unavoidable absence for rollcall votes No. 546 through No. 554. I was tending to a family emergency and was granted a leave of absence.

Had I been present, I would have voted as follows: on rollcall vote No. 546, "aye"; on rollcall vote No. 547, "nay"; on rollcall vote No. 548, "aye"; on rollcall vote No. 549, "nay"; on rollcall vote No. 550, "nay"; on rollcall vote

No. 551, "aye"; on rollcall vote No. 552, "aye"; on rollcall vote No. 553, "aye"; on rollcall vote No. 554, "aye."

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1996

SPEECH OF

**HON. WILLIAM O. LIPINSKI**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 24, 1995*

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Chairman, I rise to express my strong opposition to the amendment offered by the gentleman from Colorado.

I think we all know that the gentleman supports the elimination of the Interstate Commerce Commission. That has been well documented over the years. But this amendment goes beyond previous years' attempts to sunset the ICC. This amendment would take a deliberate, organized process of transition from the ICC to DOT and throw it completely off course.

Nobody here has any illusions about the future of the ICC. The Transportation and Infrastructure Committee's Subcommittee on Railroads, on which I am the ranking Democratic member, is currently in the process of drafting legislation to sunset the ICC. We are in the process of determining which functions of the agency should be retained and absorbed by the Department of Transportation or a Commerce Board. Slashing the ICC's appropriation in this bill is tantamount to pulling the rug out from under our feet as we try to move forward—not to mention the disruption it would have on the close down of the ICC itself.

The truth is that Mr. HEFLEY's amendment would not fund sufficient staff to perform ICC functions which are certain to be transferred. In fact, the amendment would hamstring the Federal Government's ability to carry out regulatory functions that even the regulated industries have said are necessary.

This amendment would fund only 53 positions at DOT for all remaining ICC rail functions. These 53 people would process all proposed rail consolidations and mergers, line abandonment and construction proposals, and line sale requests. They would also review shipper rate complaints, all rail car supply and interchange disputes, and shipper complaints seeking competitive access to more than one rail carrier.

These individuals would also process the 300 motor carrier undercharge cases currently pending before the Commission. I know that my colleagues are familiar with the undercharge crisis and recognize that millions of dollars of disputes are currently pending in courts around the country. Many of them will eventually be referred to the Commission or its successor.

I think my point is quite clear: 53 people cannot effectively perform all these tasks. And none of these areas is slated for deregulation.

This amendment would wreak havoc on the ICC and the transition to its successor. And let's be honest here—the affected industries and the American people will pay the price if this misguided amendment passes. It is one thing to support regulatory reform and efficiency, and entirely another to intentionally underfund and thereby undermine a sound regulatory process.